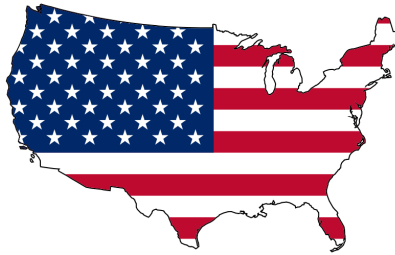


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2. [President Obama on World Press Freedom Day 2010](#)

The annual observance of World Press Freedom Day May 3 reminds people of “the critical importance of this core freedom,” President Obama says. ...

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Female entrepreneurs are essential partners in global efforts to increase peace, prosperity, stability and security, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton tells a group of women who had attended the just-concluded Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington. ...

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The Cinco de Mayo holiday, which honors the Mexican heritage of a growing number of U.S. citizens, is observed in communities all across the United States. The holiday has become a vibrant annual event that recognizes the contributions of Mexican Americans in a variety of fields. ...

6. [A Greener Corporate America](#)

Leading U.S. companies and brands are a step ahead of the green economy. Paying attention to the environment, they say, is good for business. ...

In case you missed it:

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Macedonian Customs Administration presents the donated equipment before Ambassador Reeker and Minister of Interior Gordana Jankulovska. (LP)

[U.S. Government Donates Border Security Equipment to Macedonian Border Police and Customs Administration](#)

May 5, 2010

Ambassador Phillip Reeker attended the Export Control and Border Security Program (EXBS) Ceremony which marked a \$200,000 donation by the U.S. Government of border monitoring and security equipment for the Macedonian Border Police and Customs Administration. The donation included border interdiction equipment and maritime equipment, as well as a variety of monitoring and security supplies. Ambassador Reeker emphasized that this donation shows that the Declaration of Strategic Partnership and Cooperation signed between the United States and Macedonia is alive and well, adding that the U.S. will continue to assist Macedonia through the EXBS program.

- ◇ To see his speech, please [click here](#).
- ◇ If you want to see the statement and Q&A with Ambassador Reeker after the EXBS donation ceremony, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To see more pictures from his visit, please [click here](#).



*Ambassador Philip T. Reeker
[Large Photo](#)*

[Encouraging Businesses to Raise Their Voice](#)

April 30, 2010

At the Macedonian Stock Exchange's 11th annual conference, Ambassador Reeker challenged business leaders to actively engage in charting the future course for Macedonia. He also pointed out that businesses thrive when economic benefits are shared by all of the country's citizens.

- ◇ To see his speech, please [click here](#).



Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy (PDASD), Joseph McMillan speaks to the press after the meeting with Macedonian Minister of Defense Zoran Konjanovski. LP

Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy Visits Macedonia

May 5 & 6, 2010

On May 6, the Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy (PDASD), Joseph McMillan, joined Macedonian Minister of Defense Zoran Konjanovski and Ambassador Reeker at a press conference following the opening session of the fifth Bilateral Defense Consultations. PDASD McMillan and Macedonian Defense Officials will discuss U.S. and Macedonian cooperation on a wide variety of security and defense initiatives during the consultations. The previous day, PDASD McMillan also met with Pavle Trajanov and other members of the Parliament's Defense and Security Committee to discuss Macedonia's support for NATO led military operations, defense reform, and regional security issues. The same day, he also took time to talk to students, professors and Macedonian military personnel about U.S. Defense Policy regarding the mission in Afghanistan at an event organized by the Macedonian American Alumni Association. PDASD McMillan emphasized the importance of working with international partners to help train Afghani forces to take responsibility for the security of the country, and thanked Macedonia for its contribution to the efforts in Afghanistan and the local South-Central European region.

♦ **If you want to see the Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy Joseph McMillan's statement to the press after the opening session of the Fifth Bilateral Defense Consultations, [click here](#).**

♦ **To see local news coverage (SITE TV video footage - WMV file, size 2.11MB), of this event, please [click here](#).**

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Ambassador Reeker gives his remarks at the Closing Ceremony of the USAID Civil Society Strengthening Project. (LP)

Praising Civil Society

April 28, 2010 | 10:30

At the closing ceremony for the USAID Civil Society Strengthening Project, Ambassador Reeker stressed that both civil society and the government need to work together to secure the best possible future for the country.

♦ **To see a copy of his speech, please [click here](#).**

♦ **To see his comments to the press afterwards, please [click here](#).**

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Thomas Tait, the Former Chief Executive of the Nevada Commission on Tourism. [LP](#)

The Former Chief Executive of the Nevada Commission of Tourism Presents Ideas on Public and Private Partnerships

April 20, 2010

The Former Chief Executive of the Nevada Commission on Tourism, Thomas Tait, gave a presentation on the importance of Public and Private Partnerships to students from the Faculty of Tourism in Ohrid and a crowd of NGOs, local politicians and media at the Struga Mayoral Office on April 20, 2010. Mr. Tait emphasized the potential for tourism growth in Macedonia and encouraged focus on the beautiful natural wonders of Struga and Ohrid. In Skopje, Mr. Tait met with members of different ministries and spoke with the Mayor of Municipality of Center about Public and Private Partnerships in his municipality. This was a unique opportunity for members of the tourism industry to discuss methods for stimulating tourism in Macedonia.

- ♦ To see more pictures from his visit, please [click here](#).
- ♦ To watch speaker Tait's interview on Alfa TV, please [click here](#).



Call for Applications: 2010-2011 Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP)

The Embassy of the United States of America in Macedonia and American Councils for International Education are pleased to announce the eighth annual open competition for the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP). The JFDP is a non-degree professional development program intended to provide opportunities for young faculty with great potential as scholars and instructors in their disciplines. The competition is open to citizens of Macedonia who currently teach at a higher education institution in their home country, who are proficient in English language, possess a university degree, have two years of teaching experience in an institution of higher education and must currently teach or conduct training programs at an educational institution. ...[more](#).

Deadline: July 9, 2010.



A unique vision of Earth rising above the Moon was captured during an Apollo 8 Mission. Apollo 8 astronaut Bill Anders put it in perspective in a documentary: "We came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the Earth."
(NASA Photo)

The 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

April 19, 2010 Washington, DC

Secretary Clinton: "Forty years ago, Earth Day began in the United States as a "teach-in" – a day to educate people about the environmental challenges facing our planet. Today, we know more than ever about the challenges of preserving our environment – from clean water to climate change – and Earth Day has evolved into a call for sustainable solutions and local action all over the world. " ...[full text](#).

◇ To see the Secretary Clinton's Video Message, please [click here](#).

◇ To see the video message of President Obama on 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, please [click here](#). | A New Foundation for Energy and the Environment.

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